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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 20, 2011 (Paper No. 20110103), for which a response was due on April 20, 2011. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three months' extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 20, 2011. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.